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LETTERS TO TELLICHERRY. 1738-39

(VOLUME 3)

[*From November* 1738 *to May* 1739.]

[To Mr. William Jeynson
Second Ac^a. Factors at Tellicherry.]

Sirs

Herewith you will receive the Anjengo Papers sent me inclosed by Mr. Jeynson; also the Answer which I Suppose you will think proper to be given which on being Dated and Signed, Pray make it up and Order the Master to make the best of his way back. You must remember to Coppy it into the Book.

I leave you to make up and adjust the Monthly Accounts, Abstract of the Warehouse has been sent me, which I suppose is right.

Mr. Forbes from Maddacara will Apprize Mr. Jeynson of any expences which have happened on the Falmouth Sloop w^ch. I desire may be put to my Account and I shall deduct it out of the Freight since we Allow for the whole Freight.

It requires more time than I can spare for giving you a true State of our Affairs here with the rise and occasion of our not doing any thing as yet of importance, in fine the Mallabars will do nothing and therefore we think to try our Fortune where I have Signified to you when at Tellicherry and had your Approval.

I am Gentlemen

Your Humble Servant
Stephen Law.

Balliapatam
Nov^r. 7^th. 1738.
Reced the 8^th. Ditto.

If Mr. Moor can Spare the things desired by the inclosed Paper from Anjengo pray forward them to Mr. Wake and I will pay their value.

To Stephen Law Esq^r.
Chief &c^a. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

By the Ship Wager we received Ten Sailors which were designed for Bombay by the Nassau but upon the Accident that happened to that Ship were put on board the Wager, and we are Ordered to send them round to Bombay if we had no occasion for them on this Side, They have refused to List as Soldiers here and therefore

we have sent them on board two of our Ships bound your way the Ceres and Fanny as ℔ List at the foot hereof with Orders to the Captains to Land them at Tellicherry, or if either of them goes up to Bombay to receive your Orders to carry them thither.

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. OCTOBER 1738.
RECED 15TH. NOVR. Do.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Hum: Servants
RICHD: BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
NIC: MORSE.
W. MONSON.
CHAS: SIMPSON.

List of the Men.

℔ Fanny 5
- Nathaniel Gould.
- Philip Thompson.
- Samuel Kindar.
- Joseph Pollet.
- Charles Hall.

℔ Ceres 5
- William Dawes.
- John Baillie.
- William Jewers.
- William Alsop.
- Thomas Fuller.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

On the 29th. Ultimo we dispatched the Falmouth Sloop to you with as large a Detachment of Men and Gun Powder as we could possibly Spare and which we make no doubt are Safe Arrived with you.

By Mr. Casamajor SupraCargoe of the Ceres wch. Ship Sailed hence for your Settlement on the 5th. Instant we sent a Sealed Box Addressed to the Honble President and Council of Bombay which he was to deliver to Stephen Law Esqr. and wch. with our Packett which we now send you will forward to the Presidency by the first Safe Conveyance.

We not being certain but our Superiours at Bombay may Order us to load on board the Ship intended to fill up here for Great Brittain more Tunnage than we have in Warehouse our Cloth not being in readiness as we might expect when we wrote them in May last, we are therefore Obliged to request of you to Supply with Pepper such a part of the Tonnage as you are Ordered to leave room for here as shall exceed Ninety Six Tonns, which is the Amount of what we have now in Warehouse ready to Load Home but if such Ship or Ships that you are to dispatch to us for having their Loadings compleated at this Factory do not leave you till the middle of Janry in such Case you need not Supply any part of the Tonnage the Honble President and Council of Bombay may have Ordered room for you to leave to be filled up here, for by that time we shall be in a capacity to comply with their Commands of this we have this day Advised our Superiours at Bombay, and in Case you find it necessary for us to deliver an Account of the Honble Company the like quantity of Pepper you load on board as part of the Tonnage we are Ordered from Bombay to compleat upon receipt of your directions they shall be complyed with provided they are dated after the middle of January next.

By late Advices we perceive we cannot expect any Rice from Bengall this Season and as you can most conveniently purchase that Commodity, We request you will purchase Two Thousand Mangalore Bales for the use of our Garrison the Amount of which we will Pay to your Order here or send you by any Safe Conveyance as you shall think proper. At the end of next Month we shall be in want of some wherefore we desire you will return us this Small Munchua with as much as she will conveniently carry and more as proper Conveyances Offer. If by the Europe ship to fill up here you could send us five hundred Bales we chuse to stay for the other fifteen hundred Bales till the New Rice comes in, and we further request that when you send us any after the dispatch of this Munchua on wch. Freight must be paid that you will Agree with the Master of the Vessell what we are to pay them, and Advise us accordingly which will oblige.

SIR & SIRS

Your most Hum: Servants

W. WAKE.

J. SALISBURY.

ANJENGO

10TH. NOVEMBER 1738.

RECED THE 8TH. DECR. Do.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We wrote you under the 8th. of September by the Neptune's Prize Grabb since when we have received no Letters from you but by a Boat from Goa we learn that Vessell having met with very bad Weather and Sprung a Leak, was Obliged to go into that Port to refit.

We are very Sorry to Advise you of the Loss of our Hoñ. Masters Ship Anglesea who was drove ashore in the Malwan's Country about sixty of her People being Drowned, and the rest detained Prisoners by the Malwans who will get the greatest part of her Cargo.

We now dispatch our Hoñble Masters Ship Onslow on whom we have laden ninety seven Tons of Goods as ℔ Calculate inclosed. We would have you put on board two hundred ninety three Tons or eight hundred Seventy nine Candys of Pepper and then dispatch her to Anjengo advising the Gentlemen the Amount of Tonnage on board which they are to compleat to four hundred and eighty Tons in Pepper and Cloth should the latter Article be in readiness, but as that is uncertain We have Ordered room to be kept for no more Tonnage than they may in Case of a disappointment in the Cloth be able to Supply in Pepper, of which they had two hundred and eighty Candys in Warehouse.

We have already given you directions to dispatch the Marlborough with a full Loading for England should she Arrive with you, and though we do not believe the Gentlemen in Bengall will send one of our Hoñble Masters Ships with Bales to compleat her loading at your Place with Pepper yet least they should do so we send you a Coppy of the Madrass and Bengall Tonnage for your guidance in Calculating what such Ship may have on board or on any other Occasion.

If the Duke of Cumberland Arrives at your Place (and the Marlborough does not) We would have you take out of her Sixty Tons of redwood and a Sufficient quantity of Salt Petre to Kintlage this Ship and the [Nassau] They are [...] by Charter party to have Seventy Seven Tons of Kintlage [whereof] if thirty be loaden in redwood their proportion of Salt Petre will be seven hundred and five Baggs each, and you may Land from the Duke of Cumberland (if she Arrives) as much more to be loaden by request of the Commanders, taking Care they Agree in behalf of their Owners to carry such Salt Petre as they request for (over and above the Charter

Party Kintlage) at the low freight of twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and eight pence ℔ Ton for what shall be Loaden on the Nassau and fourteen Pounds for what the Commander of this Ship may request for, being the Terms of their Charter Partys, after which, dispatch the Duke of Cumberland hither immediately in Company wth. the other early Ships for whom we have appointed the King George and Princess Caroline Galleys, a Convoy: They will proceed to your Port in Company with the Onslow, and we give you permission to detain them till the last of December unless the Duke of Cumberland comes to you or all the early Ships expected should arrive before that time, In which Case let them come away as much sooner as possible, and we will if the Circumstances of Affairs admit of it, send another Convoy to come away from your Port about the 15th. of February when we hope all the latter Ships will arrive in time to take the benifit of.

Should the Marlborough Arrive empty and another Ship come to you from Bengall to be filled up, we are sensible you will not have Pepper sufficient for those Ships and compleating the Tonnage of the Nassau and Onslow you must therefore after dispatching our own Ships keep one of the others and fill her up with New Pepper unless the Duke of Cumberland Arrives from Bengall, in which case compleat the Tonnage of the Ship from Bengall with Pepper and Supply any deficiency in that Article for the Marlborough with Salt Petre putting on board the Nassau and Onslow no more than their Charter party Kintlage including thirty Tons of Redwood for each Ship.

As we compute you will have Occasion for between two or three Lack of Rupees from hence the ensuing Season. We now send you one Hundred thousand including therein the fifths you desired, which are of the usual value or two and an half ℔ Cent worse than our Rupee Silver. Had these been made better than what hitherto sent you we judged they would have brought the others into disesteem, however if you desire a farther Supply equal in value to Rupees (except the difference of Coinage which will not be more than half ℔ Cent) they shall be sent you of that fineness.

Two of our Galleys Surgeons now going to England we cannot spare a proper Person to send as Assistant to yours: We now comply with your Indents of Stores and Medicines as far as we can spare and the Boat you desired shall be sent you as soon as finished.

There are yet wanting several Articles from your Place to finish the repairs of Gombroon Factory as mentioned in the inclosed Indent which we shall be glad you can provide and send us when these Vessells return, or at least that we may forward them to Gombroon before the rains in Order to Compleat that Work which has been so long about, and we would also have you send us by these Vessells what Poon Topmasts and other Articles you may have in readiness for the Service of this Island.

We are in want of a Mast for the Flagg Staff of our Fort which we desire you will provide at Callicut and send up when a proper Conveyance offers. It must be Sixty Six Feet long, two feet diameter at Bottom and twelve Inches under the Cross trees: and we would have you procure and send us as soon as possible five hundred of the best Mallabar Lances being in great need of them for the use of our Vessells and other Services and we hope to receive part of them by the return of these Cruizers.

Captain Alexander Douglas having a dispute with the Sciddees we did at the request of both Partys become Arbitrators for deciding it, they having executed Bonds to each other of twenty thousand Rupees Penalty to stand by our Award. But Captain Douglass has since withdrawn himself. As the Sciddees make large demands on him and will be apt to think we connived at his escape, We hereby possitively direct that if Captain Alexander Douglass comes within your Power you seize him and send him up hither by the first proper Conveyance.

You may receive from Captain Balchen what Money he Offers to pay into your Cash and give him Certificates on his making Oath according to the Honble Companys Orders already sent you, and you must demand from him an account of what

Private Trade he takes on board after his departure from this Place, which he is to register upon Oath according to the Companys Orders transmitting the Account in your Packet Home.

Send the Hoñble Company by this Ship your Books for last Year with the continuances of your Diary from the last time of sending to the time of her departure. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
NOVEMBER 30TH. 1738.
RECED ℔ ONSLOW 14 DECR.

SIRS
Your Loving Friends
JOHN HORNE.
GEO: TAYLOR.
GEO: PERCIVAL.
CHAS. WHITEHILL.
THOS. WATERS.
THOS. STONESTREET.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

OUR Fleet from the Southward under the Command of Commodore Bagwell coming in Sight this Morning before the Onslow &ca. Sailed. The Brittania and Rose will proceed to yor. Port (instead of the King George and Princess Carolina) in Compa. with that Ship, for the Service the others were designed. And during these Vessells stay with you (which must not be after the 31st. Decr.) you may employ them in such a manner as may most contribute to promoting our Hoñble Masters Interest and Advantage at your Settlement. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
2D. DECEMBER 1738.
RECEIVED THE 14TH. DO. ℔ ONSLOW.

SIRS
Your Loving Friends
JOHN HORNE.
GEO: TAYLOR.
CHAS. WHITEHILL.
THOS. WATERS.
THO: STONESTREET.

To MR. WILLIAM JEYNSON
SECOND &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

As Mr. Jeynson has been Advised from time to time of the Occurences this way 'tis needless repeating the same here.

The Portugueze Factor representing a Peace might be Obtained by his means, we were induced on repeated Solicitation to send Pedro Rangel for discoursing with Raganatt, who returned Yesterday, reporting that he insists on our Standing neuter on an Assurance of preserving the Companys Priviledges, that he means no otherwise to Subdue Colastry than bringing him under a suitable dependance on the King of Bednure, the Peace made with Surapaya is not Approved and in fine the Army must march forward for regaining the former Conquest; we may immediately proceed to Mangalore for lading Rice, and since Maddacara was the property of the Cannaries that ought to be restored. As these points are much exalted We have given Answer to the Factor that we can no otherwise think of a peace, but in preserving the Conditions Stipulated with Surapaya and which if Raganatt is dispos'd to Maintain we shall soon close with him.

By the above you will Observe, that with all our endeavours Raganatt still pretends to carry his point; We are exposed to a greivous expence as well as trouble the Mallabars entirely Supine and Cowardly, the Vessells are to go away to Bombay and so deprive us of the Assistance of above 140 Men, and in fine we shall be reduced to a necessity of either defending Maddacara Stop up the Sea; or except of such terms as the Cannarees will grant. Our disbursements by Stopping the Sea and defending this Place must be very heavy and yet a Peace concluded on the precised Conditions will lay us under all the disadvantage which we have hitherto supposed will Attend permitting the Cannarees to carry on their Conquest. but Supposing neither Raganat will abate of his proposals or the Mallabars give us Assistance equal for defeating the Enemy; You are to Consider and give me your opinion of the manner you imagine it best for us to proceed all things being duly weighed.

The Officers Apprehending the Enemy might be compelled to pass the River to Madday, we Yesterday advanced towards them, when a skirmish ensued and tis Affirmed the Cannarees were great Sufferers. but no Water being to be had thereabouts. the way Swampy and rather more advantagious to the Cannaries than us, our people thought proper to retire, I shall repair to day for consult^{g}. with them how we can proceed in Order to distress our adversaries.

Pedro Rangal says Raganatt is much sunk as are all his Men and tis conceived the route Alias retreat taken, will occasion the King to Order possitively a Peace as some think he has already done, or Appoint another to effect it, but these are uncertain ruminations, the want of Provisions is too evident and were the Mallabars disposed, easy tis to stop the Supply coming by Land. Corporal Coquett is dead and no more hurt was essentially done us Yesterday. but tis current the Cannarees must have lost many. Our Men I mean Millitary could not Fire because of the Bushes and Banks which intercepted them and the carrying Ammunition with them was impracticable, thro' the badness of the Muddy way and Coolys terrified. I am Sir

Your Hum: Servant
STEPHEN LAW.

MADDECARA

JANRY 2^{D}. 1738–9, 10 in the Morning.

RECED D^{O}.

fan^{s}.

Pray Order 5000 to the Acco^{t}. of Man^{l}. Rodriguez to be sent hither by any proper Person you choose, a Jangado of the Companys can bring them.

To M^{R}. WILLIAM JEYNSON
2^{D}. &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Although we are unhappily engaged in Warrs we must not omit our Main Affair towards providing of Pepper, on this matter Pedro Rodriguez has been instructed and who represents that the following Persons desire an advance w^{ch}. if you approve you may deliver namely.

To Nelleratt Tupee	6000	
Mucateen Paqui	6000	
B. B. Cunhipy	4000	
Batala Paqui	4000	
Combem Alipi	3000	
		23000

The last person I am not Acquainted with but if on enquiry he be found usefull and deemed capable tis best trusting him, which I leave to your determination and am

MADDACARA — SIRS

JANUARY 2D. 1738–9. — Your Hum: Servant

RECEIVED THE 3D. DITTO. — STEPHEN LAW.

TO MR. WILLIAM JEYNSON &CA.

FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

This Morning I received yours dated Yesterday, and must indeed concur with you that to Suffer the Cannarees to pass Balliapatam River for subduing the Territorys Southward may in time terminate in the destruction of the Trade and Interest of our imployers which might be construed as a dire neglect in us, & therefore it may Appear more eligible to resist the aspiring Raganat till matters can be brought to a happy conclusion.

But in the obtaining this wished for end we ought not only to have the present force of our own but even more if practicable, because experience has fully instructed us that neither is the Prince to be brought to deliver us money in Support of our great Expence, nor will the Nayros exert the minutest Resolution, and there points are impossible to be rectified. Our persevering therefore will unavoidably expose us to apparent hazards. difficulties and Charge and whenever we fail of the proposed intent there will not be a single Man in this Country to Acknowledge the infinite Pains we have taken & since I presume our Authority from our Superiours does not extend to launch out for any time in the present manner, I fear necessity will constrain us to accommodate things in such a mannr. as may under the Sanction of a Peace restrain the Cannarees from passing over Balliapatam River.

The Portugueze Factor Solicits for Peace which he has been told will be granted in Case things are Placed on the plan agreed on with Surapaya. but he demands the Mastery of all to Balliapatam River, or an Annual Tribute in lieu thereof. which I Suppose we dare not promise, otherwise than with the Prince's Approbation, and it I conceive he will not be brought to.

On the whole we will therefore Suppose we venture to apply our Forts until we part wth. the Vessells, and if by that time better Conditions are unatainable do you consider whether we ought to stand on the defensive or offensive, or strike up a Peace admitting Maddacara be conseded, our Trade engaged to be free, and Billiapatam be not passed over; you must also notifie to what time you judge we may venture to detain the Vessells and as things Offer I shall take Care to Communicate them to you.

Pray dispatch this Munchua with 500 Bales of Penaney Rice, if there is enough of the small Sort so much the better but return her with all expedition.

Flints are much wanted, send some if you can and procure whatever can be got.

The ten Arms mentioned to be sent are not received pray enquire to whom they were delivered. I am SIR

Your Humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

MADDACARA

JANRY 4TH. 1738–9.

RECED THE 5TH. DO.

To Mr. William Jeynson
2d. &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

I wrote you last Night giving you notice of our proceedings and as the Enemy are certainly in a dread, and may probably by farther efforts be brought to terms more reasonable than now proposed by Raganatt I have this Moment Applyed to the Officers in Council for knowing their Sentiments how to proceed. and since the Countenance of all the Shipping here may be of advantage in point of show and can assist us with Lascars to carry our necessarys the Gentlemen are in a Body applied to agreeable to the inclosed Coppy of a Letter wrote them. which I desire you will forward supposeg. you will approve of the expedient.

Twill in my opinion be proper to obtain what Rice can be got by means of Francisco Dias, and to which end I Suppose he is Supplyed.

A Letter to Cunhiseu for hastening the Cardamums had best be sent, and all means try'd for securing all the Pepper possible. I am

Maddacara — Sirs

Janry 5 1738–9. — Your Hum: Servant

Reced Do. — Stephen Law.

If the Ceres and Mary do hoist Pendants
it may answer in point of show.

To Mr. William Jeynson
Second &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

Yesterday our People Marched within Musquet Shott of the Enemys Intrenchment and then began to Bombard with Shott and Shells with which we are told 25 Men are killed and 3 Horses at near 5 in the Evening the Enemy appeared out in Order to pass to the right of our Men, but we kept such a remarkable Fire for above half an hour as compelled them to retire back, leaving several men on the Spot and some Horses, 'tis certain either we must have fired much in vain or the Enemy Suffered greatly, the latter is most probable and suites with the Sentiments of every one. The Factor came Post hast Yesterday Evening inhealing [*sic*] a Cessation that Raganatt would comply with any thing &ca. but that he could not possibly pass the River, however as we conceived he will be Obliged to do it, and avoiding Blood Shed is best we on mature consideration sent back the Factors linguist to tell the General we must insist on his passing the River which he might do with all Safety. and we should for that end give him time till this Evening. but otherwise he must expect our utmost efforts, this method may perhaps induce the people in General to press an acceptance. and in the mean time all our Batterys may be fixed without interruption and our Men obtain a little rest. one of our Topasses was wounded and three Nayros. Pray hasten the Penaney Rice wrote for also some salt. Tempra Pepper Coconuts Sallon and what Biskett there may be. I really now think that a way will be open'd to get out of the most vexatious Affair Man ever experienced, and therefore the delay of the Convoy must be better than leaving so important a thing undermentioned. the Mallabars are unspeakably naught and the Prince a Shuffling Man, who regards no promises, Money he has he'l give but I

dont expect it. Mr. Froxwell Lieut. of the Brittania now goes ill in Capt. Woodbinne's boat, pray order her back as soon as possible for we have every soul employed and yet want Men. I am

SIRS

Your Humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

MADDACARA

JANY 8TH. 1738–9.

RECED THE 8TH. DITTO.

Pray Order 4500 fans. to Mancko &
500 fans. in Budgerokes.

To MR. WILLIAM JEYNSON
2D. &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

I wrote Mr. Jeynson this Morning of the Occurrences till then since which the Factor is Arrived, and tells me Raganatt cannot take upon him to ratifie Surapayas Articles, or engage not to Pass the River, because in either Case he may disoblige his King. The Enemy are extreamly dejected and tis more than probable Madday might soon be reduced, but I cannot perceive much utillity to the Company in extends. the War when in the present State their Trade seems to bid fair for being preserved, because I Apprehend the Cannarees after Suffering so much will not be easily induced to attempt any thing this way. beside t'is said Raganatt's Son is imprisoned and most people conceive he will be displaced with igominy, moreover the War cannot be continued without a severe expence, and to which the Prince will contribute more than promises, on the whole if we wait till the King of Bednure settles conditions, much expence and trouble will attend us, and if we withdraw perhaps it may be interpreted that we want to get out at any rate, and so occasion the Cannarees to insist on higher terms. but on the other hand the Shipping cannot be detained many days and I believe our Superiours will think we have detained them full enough already.

After mature consideration had on the Matter it occurs to me best to write Raganatt a Letter letting him know himself and Army were in our Power and our Suffering their escape was an Act of Mercy and our not routing him where he is an instance of our great desire to maintain Peace, so long as he continues within the destin'd Limitts, and when he makes any excursions he will not find us so favourable again that another Letter be wrote the King, remonstrating the abuses we have Suffered from Raganatt, and the mild methods we took to prevent his destroying the Interest of our Company, that we shall be glad he will Order a proper Person to treat with us, and on our parts he will find a readiness to concur in all things reasonable.

The above Letters being dispatched wth. the Factor let us then Order the Grabb and Gallivatts out; and after leaving a competent Guard at Maddacara, retire with the rest to Tellicherry and there dispatch the Vessells to Bombay out of hand. The Prince we can Assure of our Assistance when he pays us all he owes and gives a desposit of Money to carry on future undertakings which has been already signified, and withall that we have no more Rice than to this Night to give his Nayros.

I desire Gentlemen you will weigh the above and give me your Objections or Approve all that I may immediately give the necessary Orders and I desire you give me your Answer with the utmost expedition the Tony being Ordered to give this at whatever Hour in the Night. I am

MADDACARA

JANRY 10TH. 1738–9. 8 at Night.

RECED THE 11 DO.

SIRS

Your Humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

To Stephen Law Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Wors. Sir & Sirs

We have looked on the Mast and Plank proposed to be sent on board our Vessells for Bombay and as we are directed to keep our Vessells in a continual readiness to offend as well as defend, We cannot take in any of the Masts as they will not go down our Hould but are able to take in about two hundred of the Plank without any inconveniency.

Tellicherry.
Janry 13^th^. 1738/9.
Receed D^o^.

We are Wors^l^. Sir & Sirs
Your most Ob^t^. & most Hum: Serv^ts^.
Frampton Lewis.
William Nash.

To Stephen Law Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

We have received no Letters from you since the dispatch of the Onslow, nor have we had any Advices from your Settlement since those dated the 9^th^. June last.

We now dispatch the Nassau to Compleat her loading at your Port, she has reced here Tons 112 decs. 29 in part of her Charter Party Tonnage The remainder you are to Supply in Pepper being Can^s^. 1103 unless you should have received any load them on this Ship in part of her Tonnage The quantity you are to provide against next Season is ten Thousand Pounds Weight.

As soon as this Ship's loading is compleated give the Com^rs^. Orders to make the best of his way to S^t^. Hellena and thence to the River of Thames as customary.

We have given Cap^t^. Hutchinson permission to pay Money into your Cash, which you may receive, giving him Certificates on his making Oath pursuant to former directions.

You may receive of M^r^. Carteret LeGyet what Money he shall have Occasion to pay into your Cash and give him Bills for the same at 2 s 3 d ℔ rupee payable at ninety days sight.

We send you on this Ship a farther Sum of one hundred thousand rupees and in your next would have you let us know what more may be necessary to pay for your Purchases of Pepper and defray your Charges the ensuing Season, that we may Supply you therewith before the Rains.

We have sent you twenty Barrells of Powder by this Ship which compleats your Indent for that Article.

By the Amsterdam Gazetts we learn that our Honble Masters were preparing to send a Ship hither in July, We therefore in Company with this Ship dispatch the Prince of Wales Galley to return with said Ship and any others that may be with you in readiness to take the benifit of the Convoy.

We are greatly Streightned for Vessells to perform the sev^l^. Services required and therefore if the Situation of your Affairs will admit we must desire you will return us the Neptune's Prize Grab and Gallivats in Company with the Prince of Wales &c^a^. We are

Bombay Castle
The 3^d^, January 1738–9.
Received the 17 Ditto ℔ Nassau.

Sirs
Your Loving Friends
John Horne.
Geo: Taylor.
Geo: Percival.
Chas: Whitehill.
Tho^s^. Waters.
Tho^s^. Stonestreet.

To Stephen Law Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

The Boat you desired being just finished, she comes to you under the Care of Cap^t. Atkins of the Prince of Wales Galley, Inventory of her Stores comes inclosed, but the Account of her Cost cannot be sent you till another Opportunity.

Bombay Castle — I am Gent^N.

5^TH. Janry 1738–9. — Your most Ob^t. Hum: Serv^t.

receD the 17^TH Ditto. — John Dacres
Secry.

To Stephen Law Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

By a Munchua on the 15^th. of last Month we receD yours dated the 14^th. Inclosing an Invoice of two hundred and one Bales of Rice Amounting to Rupees four hundred Seventy four, three quarters and fifty reas, which came out right, and for which we have Creditted your Factory; as also for rupees five hundred and ninety, and thirty reas, being the Amount of an Invoice of two hundred and fifty Bales, which you sent us by our Honble Masters Ship Onslow which imported here on the 30 Ultimo, when the Commander delivered us your Letter of the 23^d. of December.

Our Superiours at Bombay wrote us they had laden on board Said Ship Ninety Seven Tons, and directed you to leave room for Ninety Tons to be put on board here. but in your Letter you write that you had laden on board eight hundred Seventy nine Candys which we Computed to be two hundred ninety four Tons $\frac{308}{1000}$ when there remaind to be loaden on board here only eighty eight Tons $\frac{692}{1000}$ to Compleat her Charter party Tonnage of four hundred and eighty Tons. but the Commander not being able to take on b^d. more than eighty Seven Tons $\frac{361}{1000}$ It being very tedious cleaning the Pepper for want of shreens, it was the 7^th. Instant in the Morning before we could give the Commander his dispatches for Great Brittain.

This you will receive by the Emelia Sloop from Bengall bound to Bombay which imported here the 7^th. Instant. Thomas Westhead the late Master of her having been long ill and is in so weak a condition as his life is dispaired of, wherefore at his request we have permitted him to Stay here. He has delivered us the Accompanying Packett for the Honble President and Council of Bombay, but as he did not receive either Pass or Sailing Orders from the President and Council of Bengall and least the Dutch to the Northward of us should make the present Master's not having any Authority to produce to whom he belongs, a pretence for their insulting him, we now give him Orders to make the best of his way to you, that he may be in readiness to proceed to Bombay with the first Convoy that offers thither.

The Weather being very bad when the Sloop Arrived in Ballasore road and under the Pilotage of George Allan, one of the Masters belonging to the river, and there being no Ship or Vessell in the Road he was Obliged to continue in the Sloop and now proceeds on her.

Inclosed is a Bill of Charges for Mending the Sloops Crojeck Yard and Boat hire Amounting to Six rupees, two quarters, and ninety six reas, which is discharged by the Chief here, and as the present Master John Brigham, and George Allan the Pilot had no Money to purchase Provisions he has let them have five rupees

each, which as they will want something more for necessaries at your Port, we request you will pay those Sums amounting to Sixteen Rupees, two quarters, Ninety Six reas to Stephen Law Esq^{r}. for Account of the Chief here.

We are much Obliged for your Assurances of supplying this Garrison with Rice to the utmost of your Power, but if by about the 10th. of next Month you cannot be certain of purchasing for us one Thousand Six hundred Bales more than what you have already sent, we desire that you will Advise us that we may have time to purchase Nelly for the Garrison, which will be our only resort, though it is exceeding dear. for by all Advices we cannot receive any rice from Bengall, and we must be at a certainty for what may be necessary in the ensuing Rains before they set in.

We are
SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
W. WAKE.
J. SALISBURY.
THO^{S}. PATTLE.
RICH^{D}. SANDERS.

ANJENGO
JANRY THE 11TH. 1738–9.
RECED THE 20TH. DITTO.

Since writing the foregoing the late Master has deld us the inclosed Chitt, for a Bomb Supply'd the Sloop the Amo^{t}. of w^{ch}. please likewise to pay to Stephen Law Esq^{r}.

W. WAKE.
J. SALISBURY.
THO^{S}. PATTLE.
RICH^{D}. SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We have wrote you the 3^{d}. Instant by the Nassau, since which, by a small Boat, we have reced Coppys of your two Letters of the 11th. Dec^{r}. last sent by the Shawallum, and the Original of the 17th. by the said Boat to which we shall now give Answer.

We are sorry for the disappointment you have met wth. in Augmenting your purchase of Pepper since July last, but for want of the State of this Article which was not inclosed with the Coppy of your Letter we are not perfectly apprized in regard thereto: We hope you will be able be able [*sic*] to secure a Competent share of the ensuing Crop, notwithstanding the management of the French, though it would be more for the Common Advantage, to transact the purchases in concert with them on the terms and footing of such an Agreement as you some time past hinted to us, since a competion [*sic*] in the demand only serves to raise the Price on both Partys.

We are pleased to observe you have recovered so much of the Samorines debt, and give hopes of getting yet a farther Sum from him, and doubt not your endeavours to realize what possible of Puniture rajah and Darmatt Ponicarry their debts, as occasions may offer.

We are Sorry to learn by the tenor of your Advices, that the Country about your Settlement is afresh so deeply imbroiled, and the Pepper Trade being brought into such imminent danger by the Cannarees invasion and Progress in the Mallabar Territories w^{ch}. the natives have so shamefully yielded to, We are sensible of the difficulties and perplexity the Supineness and inactivity of the Mallabars in this great emergency must have Subjected you to, disconcerting all your measures for their good, as well as the preservation of our Honble Masters Trade in their Country. Concur^{g}. likewise with you in Opinion That the Conquest of the Pepper Country by the Cannarees must bring your Settlement into such a State & reduce that Trade to such a footing as would entirely destroy our Honble Masters interest in it.

It is true, The restrictions our Honble Masters have laid us under, with regard to the powers of those Countrys and their repeated Aversion to engagements attended with encreased Expences render us very diffident yet such is the Apparent Urgency of your Affairs, and we are so firmly Convinced of the eminent danger of the Pepper Trade, on the Countrys changing Masters: That in this Dilemma, We do not hesitate to declare our Approbation of your past Conduct, and of the Zeal and Activity you have shewn in opposing these encroachers on the Country it is so much our Interest to protect whilst you observe a caution, not to embark too far.

For want of your Consultations referred to concerning the Chiefs loan to the Prince We Suspend our Answer thereto till their Arrival to our hands.

As we must Chiefly frame our opinions from the representation you make to us of your State and dependencies which by that appears in a precarious and unsettled view, We can only give you general directions, which you must apply discretionally accordg. to events which we at this distance cannot so particularly from [*sic*] Conjectures of.

As our own Circumstances do not permit us to assist you with any Millitary Force, you must use your best Management to rouze the Mallabars from their Inconceivable Indolence, and incite them warmly to the defence of their Country, to which you will contribute all reasonable assistance without losing sight of our Honble Masters their precise Orders against the Creation of any new debts from the Country Governments. But if the Cannaree force prevails over your opposition and you find yourselves unable to stem their Power we know of no other expedient than making the most secure and advantageous Composition with them you can procure, and if possible get the Mallabars included on the best terms. Though we know the nature of these People too well to presume the duration of any Agreement with them.

In the mean time having attention to your exigencies, and to manifest our concern for your Support though our Island is unprovided with Grain and is even without the prospect of a Sufficient Supply for the Current Year, We now spare you out of our Small Store a Quantity of Rice 2691. 1 Addin As mentd. in the enclosed Invoice, We likewise send you such Stores as yo. wrote for, and we judged prudent to risque by this Conveyance, amongst which is a supply of Flints, omitted in the last by a mistake of the Storekeepers People. Our Stock of Medicines and Stationary, through the loss of the Anglesey, is insufficient even to the demand on the Spot yet we shall endeavour to make a shift for an Addition to your last Supply by another Opportunity and shall then send you a Covenant Servant to your Assistance.

robbins.

We likewise send you by these Vessells two Quarter Gunnrs. of the best trained we have Named Joseph Wright, and Andrew Young, who are paid to the 1st. Instant Inclusive. We have already wrote you that we have not here such a person as you require for an Assistant to your Surgeon: But if such a one offers We permit you to entertain him.

We cannot omit expressing our Satisfaction at the Gallant Behaviour and Conduct of our people under your direction in the several Actions against the Canarees, and particularly of Capt. Sterling and Ensign Fisher In the Attack of Dacla Fort, and as the making a just provision for the familys of such as have lost their lives, or been disabled in the Honble Companys Service must be a proper encouragement for others to perform their Duty, We doubt not but our Honble Masters will approve of such Establishmts.

We approve of your reclaimer of the Vessells taken by the Dutch though furnished with your Pass, and hope your instances have had their due effect.

Inclosed you have the Invoice and Bill of Lading of the rice Stores &ca. now sent you. Account Cost of the Provisions & necessarys furnished the Grab & Gallivats and the Inventory of the Barge omitted thro' hurry by the Nassau, The Accot. Cost shall be transmitted you by another opportunity.

In case of Mr. Waters Advice to the Chief for the payment of Two hundred rupees into Cash on Acco^{t}. of Cap^{t}. Francis D'Abbadie We permit you to receive the same and give Certificates as usual.

BOMBAY CASTLE
15TH. JANUARY 1738–9.
RECED THE 25 OF DITTO.

At the request of the Owners of these Bombrahs we direct that you unlade them with all possible expedition for their proceeding to Callicut.

J.H.
G.T.
G.P.
C.W.
T.W.
T.S.

We are SIRS
Your Loving Friends
JOHN HORNE.
GEO: TAYLOR.
GEO: PERCIVAL.
CHA^{S}. WHITEHILL.
THO^{S}. WATERS.
THO^{S}. STONESTREET.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

After Closure and dispatch of the General Letters, I am Ordered by the Govern^{r}. & Council to Advise you that they have Agreed the Freight of the Rice now sent you, which you are accordingly to Pay with the Owners of the Bombrahs at one quarter of a rupee ℔ robin in Consideration of which no freight is to be Charg'd on the rest of the Stores as they are severally Laden. I am wth. respect

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 16TH. JANRY 1738–9.
RECEIVED THE 25 DITTO.

SIRS
Your most Ob^{t}. & most H. Serv^{t}.
J. CLELAND
Secry.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

You having laden on board the Nassau to this day on the Hoñble Companys Account Nine hundred Seventy four and three quarters Candys of Pepper, together with four Candys & eight Maunds of Cardamums, I am now to acquaint you I can receive no more Goods aboard. I am

TELLICHERRY
30 JANRY 1738–9.
RECED DITTO.

SIR & SIRS
Your most Hum: Serv^{t}.
WM. HUTCHINSON.

To Stephen Law Esq^R^.

Sir

I take the liberty of sending ashore the Corpse of M^r^. Floyer who departed this life about four in the Morning. whatever Charge you may be at I shall take Care to pay it to whom you may Order either at Anjengo or in England.

Cap^t^. Douglas, when I came off in the Morning was on board but I advised him by all means not to Stay which advice he took or else I had delivered him up in Case he had not been gone to your Orders or any thing whatsoever you had commanded me.

I return y^o^. many thanks for the kind favours I have receed from you and M^rs^. Law to whom pray tender my Humble Service wishing you both health and Prosperity and am Sir

Your Obliged Hum: Servant

Wm. Hutchinson.

Janry 31st. 1738–9.

receed Ditto.

To Stephen Law Esq^R^.

Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

Your Letters by the Shawallum of the 11th. Dec^r^. last (Coppys of which we had before received As advised you in our last under date the 15th. Jañry) came to hand the 25th. January last by boat express from Surat with all Papers agreable to the List together with the Packett from Anjengo.

This Boat is dispatched express to you with such directions for the provision of grain for this Presidency as we judge the most expedient. There being a near prospect of the utmost scarcity on the Island if not timely prevented.

If by this time you have entered upon any treaty or composition with the Carnatick Rajah So that the export of Mangulore Rice may be no longer forbidden by him, We would have you contract for twelve Thousand robins of rice on the best terms you can and in the manner you esteem the safest and most convenient procuring conveyances to send up as much as you can of the Contract and we will take Care to supply you with Vessells for the rest On your Advising us expeditiously by return of this Boat what rice you judge you may be able to get and how much Tonnage will be wanted to bring it up.

But in Case of Affairs remaining in the same posture they were when you wrote last and that you still continue such a disagreement with the Cannarees as makes the export of rice from Mangulore impracticable, You are to Consider the urgent Necessitys of this Presidency in point of Grain and set on foot if possible such an accommodation as may give you room to relieve our present Streights, we commit this entirely to your discretion as you must remember that our Hoñble Masters Interest in the pep^r^. Trade must be hazarded on no Account.

If you can fall upon any other way or expedient to Supply us, we would have you Spare no Endeavours towards it as a most acceptable Service to this Presidency.

A fresh body of Morrattas are expected daily on Salsett to the number of thirty Thousand Men: And as we have no certainty where they will bend this new

force we are making the best preparations we can to defend the Island from any Attack being but weakly Mann'd in the absence of our fleet which we are not without Apprehensions they may take the Advantage of. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE,
6 FEBRY 1738–9.
RECED THE 13TH. Do.

Your Loving Friends
JOHN HORNE.
GEO: TAYLOR.
GEO: PERCIVAL.
CHAS. WHITEHILL.
THOS. WATERS.
THOS. STONESTREET.

TO THE HONBLE STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR

Last Night Imported Ship Harrington Capt. Robt. Jenkins who brought us a Letter from the Honble Court of Directrs. whereby we are Informed of their having been pleased to Appoint you their President of Bombay, upon which occasion we most Humbly beg leave to Congratulate your Honour.

Capt. Charles Rigby came on this Ship and is Appointd. Second, as Mr. Wake is to the Chiefship of Tellicherry, with Orders to embark on board the Harrington in three days but as he cannot possibly acquit himself in that time we must beg leave to detain the Ship three or four days longer which we hope will meet with your Honours Approval & the rather so as this timely advice may probably be a means of her Stay being at least so much shorter at Tellicherry. We are

ANJENGO
10TH. FEBRY 1738–9.
RECED THE 16 DITTO.

Honble Sir
Your Honrs. most Obedt. & mt. H. Servts.
WILLIAM WAKE.
JS. SALISBURY.
THOS. PATTLE.
RICHD. SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQR.

SIR

The 20th. past I received your favours of the 22d. and 23d. of November, to which I shall reply more fully some other time having but short notice of this Conveyance which gives me an Opportunity to Supply you with all the Flints and Gun Powder our small Stock will permit us to part with and which the Ownr. of this Ship is so kind to take in for you, The Account is inclosed, and Mr. Empson promises to pay me the Amount. I am

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1ST. JANRY 1738–9.
RECED 20 FEBRY Do.

SIR
Yr. Hum: Servt.
RICHD. BENYON.

15 Barrells Europe powder a pd.	9	3	54 ℔	Barrell.	140	35	10
10 Do. Madrass Do. fine @	20	31	40 ℔	Candy			
Candys 2 13 lb					55	11	40
10 Powder Barrells a ft. 12 ea.					3	12	—
3000 flints at pd. 1 28 55 ℔ M.					5	14	5
Boat & Cooley hire					—	16	20
				Pags.	205	6	75

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

On the 7th. Instant Imported the Munchua dispatched by you on the 3d. by which we received the Rice mentioned in yor. Letter of that date, which came out agreable to the Invoice inclosed, The Amount of what is Specified for our Garrison with what you have formerly sent on that Account shall be sent by the first Ship bound to your Port, and that sent to be disposed off, shall be sold at the most advantagious rate we possibly can.

Not being able to procure either Coconuts or Bettlenut at the prices you mention or indeed at any rate to the value of one Hundred Rupees, now return the Munchua with your Corp[1]. and two Soldiers. We are

SIRS

Your most Hum: Servts.
W. WAKE.
J. SALISBURY.
THOS. PATTLE.
RICHD. SANDERS.

ANJENGO
FEBRY. 9TH. 1738–9.
RECED THE 27TH. DITTO.

OUR CHIEF AND COUNCIL
AT TELLICHERRY.

We have thought proper to Constitute and Appoint Stephen Law Esqr. to be our President and Governour of Bombay, and to Order Mr. Wake to Succeed him as our Chief at Tellicherry, who now takes his Passage accordingly on this Ship, and we herby direct that our Servants and Millitary pay him all due respect as such.

On the Harringtons Arrival, Our President must without loss of time Embark on board, and then the Commander must be Ordered to proceed directly for our Island of Bombay.

We send inclosed a Coppy of our Commands to that Place in the Accompanying Packet, both for our President and Second's perusal during the Passage, and also that our new Chief, and the Council may take a Coppy thereof for their guidance in the management of our Affairs, and act conformable to our sentiments for so far as concerns them.

By the Advices received ℔ Montague, We with great Satisfaction perceive, that a Peace with the Canarees is at length Concluded, happy had it been for us, if such a Step was taken some Years ago, thereby a great deal of Money might have been Spared; Our President's past experience will convince him that no good is to be expected from our intermeddleing with the quarrells and disputes among the Mallabar Princes, We have no business to defend any of their Territories for them, the procuring a Sufficient quantity of Pepper to load our Ships, being our Sole inducement to maintain a Settlement, and you must act accordingly.

One Hundred and thirty Six Thousand Rupees the Charge last Year, is a Sum, which runs away with all our proffit, and such a way of Trading you cannot but be sensible will never do, and as it was occasioned by the late troubles which are now Ceased, and three hundred of the Men in Pay, were thereupon Struck off, We deem this as an earnest that our Burthen will now be considerably lightned.

You must use your best Endeavours to provide for us Annually, a large quantity of Pepper according to our demands from time to time, acting herein with the utmost caution and prudence, that the price may not rise upon us, a double Stock that is Sufficient for two Years Shipping is a Situation that we are very desirous should be Attained, and as you are placed in the Centre of the Pepper Country, We hope that it may be Accomplished and earnestly press it upon you as a most agreable peice of Service, and to that end you must secure all the Pepper you possibly can for us.

As our President has made a beginning in recovering part of the Outstanding debts, due fom the Samorine, and others, You must go on and Obtain full Satisfaction for us in due time, and avoid if possible any bad debts arising in your time.

During the Ships short Stay at Tellicherry, which must not exceed five days, We direct that our President and Second do give you their best Advice and Assistance in Consultation to put these our Orders into Execution, by making the needfull regulations and leaving the proper Instructions for your future guidance, in the management of our Affairs.

The Father of Christr. Canady a Soldier at your place having represented that he has served his contracted time, and is desirous of returning home, We direct that you discharge him from the Millitary according to his request. We are

Your Loving Friends

LONDON
21ST. JULY 1738.
RECED ℔ HARRINGTON
THE 27TH. OF FEBRY. 1738–9.

B. LYELL.
RICHD. CHAUNCEY.
M. MARTIN.
ABRA: ADAMS.
D. BRADDYLL.
JOHN HOPE.
MILES BARNE.
WILLM. RIDER.
JOS. WORDSWORTH.
WM. ROUS.
H. GOUGH.
SAML. FEAKE.
ALEXR. HUME.
J. WINTER.
WM. GOSSELIN.
HEN: LASCELLES.
CHRISTO. BURROW.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

On the 10th. Instant by Boat express we Advised of the Arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Harrington.

Inclosed is an Invoice for rupees three Thousand and forty four, being the Amount of the Rice you Supplyed us with for our Garrison for which we are thankfull and are Sirs

Your most Hum: Servants

ANJENGO
FEBRY THE 16TH. 1738–9.
RECED THE 27 DITTO ℔ HARRINGTON.

J. SALISBURY.
THOS. PATTLE.
RICHD. SANDERS.

SIR & SIRS

This day after writing the foregoing we received yours of the 13th. which as we judge 'ere this that the Fame, and Mr. Massey are Arrived with you, wherefore we have only Again to Add that we are

SIR & SIRS &CA.

J. S.
T. P.
R. S.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

The Amelia Sloop being a great hinderance to us, and by her proceeding may possibly so far delay our Passage as to render the Harringtons Voyage to China precarious, we have therefore thot. it best to Order her to Tellicherry in charge of the Neptune's boatswain, and hope you will have an Opportunity of sending her to Bombay under Convoy of the Vessells which are expected. Inclosed goes the Packett she brought from Bengall which you may please to forward by her.

The Neptune will continue her Cruize on the Carnatick Coast, and as Capt. Lutton is near us we hope by towing two of our Company to expedit our Passage.

SHIP HARRINGTON
NEAR MOUNT DILLY MARCH 10TH. 1783–9.
RECED THE 11 DITTO.

You'l receive herewith the Prince of Wales Bill of Lading for the Arrack.

We are
SIRS
Your Humble Servants
STEPHEN LAW.
CHARLES RIGBY.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

On the 4th. Instant by Capt. Standard we sent eight Europeans.

The Martha Grab imported Yesterday, and the three remaining fellows that were left out of the Harrington, being capable of proceeding we now send them upon her to you that they may either be sent to Bombay or detained as you see Convenient, as likewise three Men that are lately come here from the Dutch. They are all paid to the 1st. Instant, and their Names are as ℔ the Capts. list inclosed.

We have Supplyed them with four Bales of rice and other Provisions which Amounts to nine rupees and for which we shall debt your Factory We are SIRS

Your Humble Servants
J. SALISBURY.
THOS. PATTLE.
RICHD. SANDERS.

ANJENGO
MARCH 9TH. 1738–9.
RECED THE 21ST. DITTO.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

On the 25th. Ultimo by Isaac Hope we received a Lettr. from the Honble Stephen Law Esqr. dated the 20th. Acknowledgg. the receipt of ours of the 10th. The ten Rupees Advanced Isaac Hope we have Creditted your Factory for.

Some of the Europeans left here out of the Harrington being recovered so far as to be capable of doing their Duty, and we imagining that they will be more Serviceable with you than here, we now send seven of them, and one Dutchman, as ℔ the inclosed List Signed by the Capt. The Rice and Provisions Supplyed them with for their Passage Amounts to Nine Rupees for which we shall debt your Factory and are SIRS

Your most Hum: Servants

ANJENGO
MARCH THE 4TH. 1738.
RECED THE 22D. DITTO.

J. SALISBURY.
THOS. PATTLE.
RICHD. SANDERS.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We recd. yours of the 18th. January last by the Britannia with the several Books and Papers agreable to the List enclos'd; together with the Anjengo Pacquett by the same conveyance, and lastly your Letter of the 13th. Ultimo to all which we now reply.

We observe the Quantity of Pepper severally laden by you on our Honble. Masters Ships the Onslow & Nassau, the latter of which we are sorry to find by your Account, did not carry her full Tonnage, which must be owing to her want of competent Kintlage, the providing whereof we were disappointed in.

The Rise of the price of Pepper is a very disagreable Prospect: And we apprehend a Concert of just and reasonable measures with the French coud not fail of lowering it, but as you rightly remark, you cannot be to [*sic*] much in Guard against their underhand Management and Endeavours to supplant you in the Pepper purchases. You will then do well to keep a just mean with them, so as neither to be deceived by their specious Professions, or by open Compitition enhance the Price of this Commodity, of which we hope you will be able to secure such a share in the ensuing Crop, as may fully answer our Expectations and the Demands of it for our Honble. Masters Service.

We have perused with Attention the Accounts you give of the several Expeditions and Movements you have been engag'd in, to oppose and stop the progress of the Cannarees Invasion (upon which we have already given you our Opinion) and observe with Concern how dangerous Attempts you have been obliged to risque the Success of, with your small force: And the Discouragement of acting for the Defence of so base and wretched a Government as the Mallabars of your District appear to be under: One would think your Example might have had some influence over them to change their Conduct: But since that, nor the most urgent Consideration of self defence, joined to your repeated remonstrances, can infuse any Spirit or Resolution into them, We must approve and recommend to you for strict observance your last Determination on the Expediency of preserving a Neutrality, in case of another Invasion or Renewall of the Warr: Unless the Prince entirely alters his Conduct and Maxims, reimbursing our Honble. Masters the Charges already incurred, and deposites such a Sum, as may answer all the contingent Expence of any Engagement, to be enterd on by you, for his Service or Defence; As our Honble. Masters neither will, nor can bear such disproportioned Charges being thrown on them, with so unpromising a Prospect.

We shall be glad then, that your late Successes may bring on an Accomodation on a firm and Stable footing; and that you improve this favourable Conjucture of the Check given to Ragonat to the utmost so that Peace may be concluded and ratified on the Terms of Agreement with Surapaya, otherwise on the best procurable for the Security and Advancement of our Hon^ble^. Masters Interest in your Factory and the Pepper Trade, which is it's capital Support.

It has been a singular pleasure to us to observe the Testimony the Chief gives as an Eye Witness, and your concurrent report of the Bravery and Conduct of our several officers in the Land and Marine Service, as well as of our People in General in the several Expeditions and the Duty they have been employ'd in under your Orders: We approve then readily of the Gratuity given the People in their cloathing and leave it to the Chiefs Direction to distinguish and reward the Officers and Gunner according to their merit reserving to ourselves to pay such farther regard to your recommendations of particular Persons, as may shew we are not unmindfull of such as do their Duty in the Service. Enclos'd we send you the Presidents Commissions for Christopher Belderbeck and Christopher Fitzpatrick to be Ensigns at your Factory: And direct that you keep Isaac Ainsworth for your Gunner, sending in his room Peter Croes to be Gunner at Anjengo, where the place is more easy and quiet, and fitter for such a Person as you represent him.

We observe with pleasure likewise the laudable Example set by the Private Traders in the assistance they gave you so readily at the Chiefs request; for which the President took occasion to return the Gentlemen suitable thanks.

We are sorry Ensign Sheppard behaved so ill, and shall note him accordingly.

What Quantitys of the several Stores you have indented for, that could possibly be spared, we now send you, as ℔ Invoice enclosed. Medicines we are short in here, being obliged to buy at private Hands: And you have already had all the Powder we cou'd risque parting with in our present Situation.

We hope you will be able to return us with the soonest, the Neptunes Prize and Gallevats being much wanted on Service here.

The Ship Expected from Europe may, we judge bring up the Topmasts provided by you, if you have not the opportunity of another conveyance; and we desire you will not fail of getting the Lances before wrote for in Readiness and send them up, being much wanted, and five hundred Spunge Staves. The short Delivery you mention of the Rice, we believe must be owing to a difference in Allowance of Measurage, we having Agreed for it at the rate of 15 Adolins to the robin which is commonly reckon'd at sixteen: However it is, We shall settle that matter here with the Owners of the Bombrahs.

We shall be glad to hear the Agreement with M^r^. Massey for his Rice may have been made, on Terms of Delivery here, as otherwise we shall be entirely at a Loss to provide Conveyances for it up.

It being with the utmost Difficulty we have been able to procure the five Boats we now send down to you under Convoy of the Rose Galley, to bring up the Rice ordered Provision of, which together with the Vessell of Caitan de Souza you may have freighted will, by our Computation, we judge, near compleat the Tonnage wanted in Proportions, as follows Viz^t^.

	Robins.
The Rose Galley	3000
Caitan de Souza's Vessel	2500
Cadjure Caddy	1300
Sonnee Callow	1300
Palky	1100
Shrownee	1200
Alymadoot	900
In all	11300

The freight we have agreed for and paid the Owners of the Boats here, which we could not get to proceed down sooner, They being but just unladen of Grain brought from the Northward.

We were very greatly pleas'd to learn from yours the Account of the Dutch Expedition against Ghereah (advice of which we have transmitted over land to our Hon^ble^. Masters). We have not as yet received any Intelligence of their Movements, or Success; But the President has dispatch'd a Messenger by Boat Express, with a Letter to the Commandant, offering him all the assistance this Presidency can afford, and expressing a suitable regret, that our Fleet is hindred from joining him, to act against the common Enemy By our Dread of the Morattas, who we have all the reason to judge, have ill Intentions against the Island, and will not fail of seizing the first Occasion to put them in Execution, on our being weakened by the Absence of our Fleet. We expect soon the return of this Messenger with an Answer, and the Intelligence we want.

The Morattas continue to carry on the Seige of Bassaim with great Vigour, and we are deeply apprehensive of that important place falling soon into their Hands, when there is but too much reason to think their Ambition and Designs will not stop there; But we may expect to have them fall upon us in our Turn: Or at least be obliged to keep in such a defensive Posture, as encreases our Charges intolerably.

Monackjee Angria has taken Caranjah, as he declares for himself, But the Morattas averr, he has only taken Possession for them, and by their Order. However they are now jointly attacking Choul, which tho' a strong place, we judge must soon fall into their Hands, through want of Provisions, or Treachery and Mutiny, which is got amongst the Soldiers for want of Pay.

Shaw Nadir, by our last advices, was advanc'd within four Days March of Dilly, Lahore having surrender'd to him: The Mogull at length met him in Person with an Army, and a Battle ensued in which Shaw Nadir had the advantage, several Officers of great Distinction being killed on the Mogul's side, and others were taken Prisoners, or went over to Shaw Nadir; So that it is daily expected, that the Mogull will fall either by Force, or the secret Treachery of his Omrahs. We leave you to judge how this great and immenent revolution must effect our Hon^ble^. Masters Phirmaund Priviledges throughout Indostan.

We have Consider'd your Calculate of Cash and shall send you a sufficient supply by the Resolution: As likewise one or two Covenanted Servants, as we can spare them to your Assistance.

Let the forty Leaguers of Batavia Arrack you may have on board the Prince of Wales Galley be continued on Board, and brought up in her.

We are

SIRS

Your loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.
GEORGE PERCIVAL.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THO^S^. STONESTREET.

BBAY CASTLE
THE 21^ST^. MARCH 1738/9.
REC^D^. THE 1^ST^. APRIL 1739
℔ ROSE GALLEY.

TO THE WORSHIP^LL^. WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R^.
&C^A^. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

I Received yours this morning, and am sorry I cannot comply in taking in of Rice, my Vessel being so very small, that we cannot scarce carry necessaries for our Voyage from hence to Bombay, besides we are very leakey, which will be prejudiciall to the former, in case we could with conveniency stow it away, I am with due respect

WORSHIP^LL^. SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Humble Servant
WILL^M^. RADFORD NUN.

APRIL 7^TH^. 1739.
REC^D^. D^O^. DIE.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We have recd. your Letter by the Harrington dated the 6th. Ulto. &ca. Papers & Enclose you Copy of the last Advices from this Presidency by the Rose Galley of the 21st. of yo. same month.

Concerning the Government of your Settlement You have such directions from our Honble. Masters & such Instructions from the President and Second under Date of the 3d. March last that we have little or nothing to add for your Guidance, but to Confirm them as well as the former Letters from this Presidency, where not contradicted by us.

As We grant leave for the removall of Messrs. Pattle and Saunders from Anjengo to your assistance agreable to the Chiefs Intimation to the President the want of Covenant Servants You Complain'd off will be thereby supplied But in Case you think they have not an opportunity to come to you before the Monsoon sets in, You may let Mr. Byfeld stay with you till the others arrive and then let him proceed to Anjengo.

We send you on this Ship Resolution the Sum of Seventy five thousand Rupees, which according to the Calculate you sent us, & Allowance made for the Rice Contract will defray the Demand of the Current Year.

You are to lade on board this Ship Four hundred Candys of Pepper consigning them with Bill of Lading and Invoice to the Presidency of Bengall & have the same Quantity in readiness for the Harrington to be dispatch'd from hence in a few days to Ship on board with all possible Expedition.

We confirm the last Order for retaining Isaac Ainsworth in your Service as Gunner, but considering the utter disability of Peter Croes through Age & Infirmities for undertaking any Trust, We reverse his Appointment to be Gunner of Anjengo. We shall supply that place otherwise, and in Consideration of his long Services, We think fit to allow him his full pay and Dyet on your Establishment for the remainder of his Life.

The Account of the Damag'd Gun Powder by the Martha shall be clear'd up in our next.

The Masts under your care which lye for want of a Conveyance to bring up, See & take all the Precaution you can against their receiving any Damage till means can be had of conveying them up.

You are to remember to Comply with the Order already sent you of procuring us Annually the Quantity of Batavia Arrack specify'd therein and by no means forget the Lances.

BBAY CASTLE
APRIL 10TH. 1739.
RECD. THE 23D. Do.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends

STEPHEN LAW.
CHARLES RIGBY.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
JOHN GEEKIE.
THOS. STONESTREET.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLM. SEDGWICK.

P.S.

Since closing of the foregoing We find We can supply you by this Ship with only Twelve thousand Rupees being all We have in Bank proper for Currency at your Place but we shall send you the remainder down by the Harrington In a few days.

Idem.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

In our last by the Resolution under date of the 10th. Instant We wrote you the necessary for the Season.

You have had our Orders in that Letter to keep in readyness for this Ship the Harrington Captain Jenkins four hundred Candys of Pepper, which together with what Sandlewood you may have by you or is instantly procurable, you are to Ship on board Her, Consigning the same to Canton to the Gentlemen SupraCargo's there appointed by our Honble. Masters to take charge thereof, whom you are to advice accordingly enclosing them duly Invoice and Bill of Lading for what the Ship takes in at your Settlement on our Honble. Masters account. The Commander has our Directions to pay You the amount of what he receives in new Bombay Rupees which you are accordingly to demand of him. We recommend to you the using all possible dispatch in this business, in respect to the lateness of the Season.

Agreeable to our resolutions on the supply of your Settlement with Cash for the Year, we Consign you on this Ship thirty thousand Rupees, which with what ordered to be paid you on Account Pepper supplied this Ship will on estimate, make up the Sum mention'd in our last, with some surplusage, If the Sandalwood does not fail you.

You have Credit on Account of the damaged Gun Powder received by the Martha Rupees eight hundred twenty one, ninety one raes, being it's neat [*sic*] produce, on beating & new corning; and you must Credit this Presidency for a hundred thirty eight Fanams for a Fuzee, Pistolls and a Sword deliverd to Captain Sterling on his removall to Tellicherry, for which he is accountable.

We now send you the account cost of the Barge sent you from hence, for the amount of which being Rupees 1234. 3. 40 You are to give this Presidency Credit.

BBAY CASTLE
APRIL THE 23D. 1739.
RECD. THE 1ST. MAY 1739.

We are
Your Loving Friends
STEPHEN LAW.
CHARLES RIGBY.
JOHN GEEKIE.
THOS. STONESTREET.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLM. SEDGWICK.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

In our last Advices we omitted to send you an Indent for Plank for the use of this Presidency, the enclosed one you are to gett punctually complied with, and send up by the first opportune Conveyance after the rains, that may offer; otherwise we must endeavour to provide you wth. one. The five hundred Mallabar Lances will we cannot doubt be ready, as they have been repeatedly ordered.

We are
SIRS
Your loving Friends
STEPHEN LAW.
CHARLES RIGBY.
JOHN GEEKIE.
THOS. STONESTREET.
WILLM. SEDGWICK.

BBAY CASTLE
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℔ HARWICH.

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